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New Construction

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1. A new building was going up opposite the Moscow Railroad Station and a second building opposite the Technical Institute (sic), which is on a continuation of Stalin Prospekt. [] both buildings were for the Metro, although they did not resemble each other. The building opposite the station was obviously for the Metro; the building opposite the Technical Institute was not in such an advanced state of construction.
 2. A very large building was being erected opposite Smolnyy, the old army head quarters. which appeared to be intended for living quarters. [] 50X1-HUM
 3. Large buildings were being erected opposite Soyuzpushnina, the Soviet fur trade organization, on Stalin Prospekt. [] the buildings were for living quarters, and they had that appearance. 50X1-HUM
 4. [] buildings similar to those opposite Soyuzpushnina had been erected in 28 days. [] 50X1-HUM
- There is a program to put up 500 apartment buildings in Leningrad. 50X1-HUM

Wages and Prices

5. The average workman in Leningrad earns 600 to 900 rubles per month. [] 50X1-HUM
- [] Income tax is about 10 percent.
6. Theater seats cost 20 rubles. A poor seat for a football game costs 20 rubles.

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Propaganda and Attitudes

7. There were no posters of Churchill and Roosevelt agitating for war [redacted]
[redacted] The general question usually asked, however, was about the attitude of [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] war. 50X1-HUM

8. Most people were still very security-conscious and would not engage in normal conversation. Two conversations took place, however, which would not have been possible [redacted].

[redacted] The Party man attacked the non-Party man on the grounds that his only interest was in making money. The non-Party man did not deny the accusation [redacted]

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9. [redacted]

Religion

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10. The synagogue was well-attended; [redacted] Jews, even the young people, were beginning again to inquire about Jewish matters.

Stores

11. There was no merchandise for sale in the hotel [redacted] as there 50X1-HUM
had been in previous years. The stores in Leningrad were full of food of all sorts except for fresh vegetables, for which it was still necessary to wait in line. There were gastronom stores in every street, in which cheese and margarine were expensive, but butter was cheap.

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